REPORT OF THE CONDITION

Merchants' National Bank

OF INDIANAPOLIS,

C., C., C. & St. L. 40
Cotton Oil Certificates 17
Delaware & Hudson 1261/2
Delaware, Lackawanna & Western 1641/2
Denver & Rio Grande preferred 461/2
Dis. & C. F. Co. 19

Lake Shore

Louisville & New Albany...... 9

 Western Union
 88%

 Wheeling & Lake Erie
 13½

 Wheeling & Lake Erie preferred
 40½

 Denver & Rio Grande
 12½

General Electric

 National Linseed
 20

 Tol., A. A. & North Mich
 14

 Tol., St. Louis & K. C.
 7

 Tol., St. Louis & K. C. pref
 15

 7
 7

United States, Fours, new, coup......121

United States Fours, new, reg..........1211/

MINING SHARES.

Springs, Col., give the following quotations:

Wednesday's Bank Clearings.

At Chicago—Clearings, \$16,574,101. Money on call was steady at 5@51/2 per cent.; on time, 6@61/2 per cent. New York exchange, par to 25c premium. Foreign exchange bankers' (London) sterling, \$4.89 and \$4.88.

At Ballimore—Clearings, \$3,062,451; bal-

ances, \$356,171.

At New York—Clearings, \$142,355,180; ba ances, \$8,243,527.

At Cincinnati-Clearings, \$2,430,150.

balances, \$1,893,751.

wagon wheat, 63c.

mixed duck, 20c per lb.

Rabbits-70@80c. Quail-\$1.25.

Ducks-\$2.25@2.50.

At Boston-Clearings, \$18,510,230; balances,

At Philadelphia-Clearings, \$13,429,436;

LOCAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Unfavorable Weather Checking Trade

-Fluctuations in Values Few.

hardly tend to make trade active in De-

cember and all along the line yesterday it

was quiet and changes in values very light.

Eggs are weak at quotations. Poultry on an

steadier in tone. The flour market is active,

but prices have not advanced materially.

Staple groceries are moving fairly well

at firm prices. Dry goods houses are hav-

ing a dull week unless it be in fancy no-tions. Wholesale confectioners are very busy, as are the dealers in all lines of holi-

day goods. In the fruit and vegetable mar-

ket there is nothing calling for notice. The local grain market is not as active

the wet weather checking the movemen

of new corn, and the wheat seems to have all been marketed. Oats are in light re-quest. Track bids yesterday ruled as fol-

Wheat-No. 2 red, 64c; No. 3 red, 61@62c

Corn—No. 1 white, 26c; No. 2 white, 26c; No. 3 white, 26c; No. 2 white mixed, 25½c; No. 3 white mixed, 25½c; No. 2 yellow, 25½c; No. 3 yellow, 25½c; No. 2 mixed, 25½c; No. 3 mixed, 25½c; ear corn, 24c.

Oats—No. 2 white, 22c; new No. 3 white,

21c; No. 3 mixed, 191/2c; new No. 3 mixed

Hay-No. 1 timothy, \$13.50@14.50; No. 2, \$13 @12.50; No. 1 prairie, \$9@11.

Poultry and Other Produce.

(Prices paid by shippers.)

Poultry-Hens, 5c; springs, 5½c; cocks, 3c; turkeys, old hens, 6c; old toms, 5c; young turkeys, 6c; ducks, 6c; geese, \$4.80 per

Butter-Choice country, \$8@10.
Eggs-Candled, shippers paying 18c.
Honey-New, \$15@18c per lb.
Beeswax-20c for yellow; 15c for dark.
Wool-Medium washed, 14c; fine merino,

Game.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

Grease—White, 3%c; yellow, 3c; brown, 3c. Tallow—No. 1, 3%c; No. 3, 3%c. Bones—Dry, \$12@13 per ton.

THE JOBBING TRADE.

(The quotations given below are the sell-

Candles and Nuts.

ile; peanuts, roasted, 6@7c; mixed nuts,

Canned Goods.

Coal and Coke.

The following are the prices on coal and coke as retailed in this market:

Dried Fruits.

Peaches-Common sun-dried, 8@10c per 1b California, 10@12e; California fancy, 1214@

Raisins-Loose Muscatels, \$1.25@1.40 per box; London layer, \$1.35@1.75 per box; Valencia, 6\\208\\2002c per lb; layer, 9@10c.

Drugs.

Apricots-Evaporated, 9@13c. Prunes-California, 6@10c per lb.

coke, \$6 per ton.

Figs-Layer, new, 15c.

Currants 11-05c per lb.

ing prices of the wholesale dealers.)

Warm showers and summer temperature

Doubleday, Rope & Co., of Colorado

Southern Pacific 213

Hocking Valley

Close of Business, Friday, Dec, 13, 1895.

- AT THE -

RESOURCES. U. S. 4 per cent. bonds to \$1,287,063.05 secure circulation City of Indianapolis, Ma-rion and other county bonds

619,046.89

CASH RESOURCES. U. S. 4 per cent. bonds on hand \$100,000,00 Due from banks 532,294.00 Due from U. S. Treasury 11,250.00 Cnsh (gold, \$375,000) 588,766.52

49,066,00 Bond premiums..... 25,000,00 Vaults and furniture.....

83,462,420.46 LIABILITIES.

National bank circulaprofits 225,000,00 tion Deposits 2,150,995.90

J. P. FRENZEL, President.

O. N. FRENZEL, Vice Pres. and Cash'r. FRED'K FAHNBEY, Second Vice Pres.
O. F. FRENZEL, Assistant Cashier.

ALL BUSINESS

Attention to all business in every relation special business of the undersigned. al estate is rented, property insured, paid, repairs kept up, investments made, wills drawn and executed, special or general trusteeships undertaken, and advice given in every relation pertaining to practi-

The complete safe deposit opened by this company-with special provision and accommodation for women-is placed within general reach by prices which range from \$5 a

Visits for consultation and inspection in

The Indiana Trust Co.

Indiana Trust Building.

Virginia Avenue and Washington Street

THE L. A. KINSEY CO., CAPITAL, \$25,000-FULL PAID.

- DEALERS CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS, **NEW YORK STOCKS.**

Commissions on stocks reduced to 1/2 to buy and sell; 11 and 13 West Pearl Street.

SCARED BY WAR TALK

ECHO OF THE PRESIDENT'S MES-SAGE DOMINATED TRADING.

Industrials and International Shares Continue to Fall Off-Open Weather Hurts Holiday Business.

At New York yesterday money on call was easy at 11/621/4 per cent., with odd lots at 3; last loan, 2; closed 2 per cent.

Prime mercantile paper, 4@51/2 per cent. Sterling exchange was firm, with actual usiness in bankers' bills at \$4.88% @4.89 for demand and \$4.87%@4.88 for sixty days; posted rates, \$4.881/@4.89 and \$4.891/2@4.90; commercial bills, \$4.86%.

Bar silver, 66%c; silver certificates, 66%@ Me; Mexican dollars, 521/2c. At London bar

silver was 30%d per ounce. Total sales of stocks, 347,379 shares, as follows: American Sugar, 82,700; American Tobacco, 25,800; Atchison, 11,200; Burlington, 21,100; Chicago Gas, 17,500; Distillers' 3,400 General Electric, 6,200; Kansas & Tekas preferred, 5,500; Louisville & Nashville. 15,000; Manhattan Consolidated, 3,500; Missouri Pacific, 4,900; Northwest, 4,300; Pacifis Mail, 3,600; Reading, 4,700; Rock Island, 9.400; St. Paul, 31,600; Southern Railroad. 3,200; Southern Railroad preferred, 6,000; Tennessee Coal and Iron, 11,000; United States Leather preferred, 24,100: Wabash preferred, 3,000; Western Union, 8,700.

The re-echo of President Cleveland's Venezuelan message to Congress was the dominating influence on the Stock Exchange market yesterday. London prices for American securities showed declines extending to 11/2 per cent. in Louisville & Nashville, and the international shares were sold steadily, with but slight rallies throughout the day. This class of securities displayed the greatest weakness of any on the list. In the first fifteen minutes of business the losses in the group referred to ranged up to 1% per cent. in Kansas & Texas preferred. The dealings in the international shares were unusually active in the forenoon and were roughly estimated at about forty to fifty thousand shares. Some comment was excited over a decline of nearly 1 per cent. Candies—Stick, 6c per lb; common mixed, 6c; G. A. R. mixed, 6½c; Banner stick, 10c; cream mixed, 9c; old-time mixed, 7c.

Nuts—Soft-shelled almonds, 12@16c; English walnuts, 12c; Brazil nuts, 10c; filberts, in British consols and a coincident frac-tional advance in United States new and old four-per-cent. bonds. In the general market lower prices were recorded in the early trading, the declines being in some in-stances fully as great as in the internationals. About the end of the first half our substantial recoveries were made in Peaches—Standard 3-pound, \$1.50@1.75; 3-pound seconds, \$1.20@1.40; 3-pound pie, 85@ 90c; California standard, \$1.75@2; California seconds, \$1.40@1.50. Miscellaneous—Blackberries, 2-pound, 70@80c; raspberries, 2most cases, but a reactionary tendency soon developed. Throughout the day at intervals rallies occurred, but were always met by renewed selling for both accounts except in berries, 2-pound, 70@80c; raspberries, 2-pound, 90@95c; pineapple, standard, 2-pound, \$1.25@1.35; choice, \$2@2.50; cove oysters, 1-pound, full weight, 90@95c; light, 60@65c; 2-pound, full weight, 1.60@1.70; light \$1.10@1.20; string beans, 75@85c; Lima beans, \$1.10@1.20; peas, marrowfat, 90c@\$1.10; early June, 90c@\$1.10; lobsters, \$1.85@2; red cherries, 90c@\$1; strawberries, 90@95c; salmon, 1-pound, \$1.10@2; 3-pound tomatoes, 80@85c. the last hour, when around delivery hour, on covering of shorts mainly, rallies from the extreme low points ranging up to 2 per cent. were made. The unsettling effect of the war talk on prices was heightened by depressing discussions of our financial problems and by expectations of further heavy shipments of gold, partially on account of the foreign selling of securities. Sterling exchange rates were advanced slightly and the appearance of gold bills was considered to foreshadow an advance to a point permitting shipments to London by Saturday's steamer. The unfavorable conditions noted caused the publication of Anthracite coal, \$6.50 per ton; Pittsburg lump, \$4; Brazil block, \$3; Winifrede lump, \$4; Jackson lump, \$3.75; Green county lump, \$2.75; Paragon lump, \$2.50; Green county nut, \$2.50; Blossburg coal, \$4.50; crushed coke, \$3 per 25 bu; lump coke, \$2.50; foundry satisfactory exhibits of railroad earnings, satisfactory exhibits of rainfoad earnings, including an increase by the St. Paul of \$102,000 for the second week in December, to fall flat. The expectation of the declaration of the regular dividends by the directors of the Vanderbilt roads at to-day's meetings and the announcement of an informal plan of restriction of production by the anthracite roads were also almost totally ignored by the traders. In the specialties the extreme losses ranged up to 4 per cent., while in the standard railway shares Lake Shore declined an exceptional 2% per cent. In the last rally the most conspicuous stocks were the industrials, Tennessee Coal, Manhattan and New Jersey Central. The closing was active and strong at net losses Alcohol, \$2.51@2.65; asafetida, 30@35c; alum, 24@4c; camphor, 65@70c; cochineal, 50@55c; chloroform, 60@65c; copperas, brls, 45@50c; cream tartar, pure, 25@30c; indigo, 65@80c; licorice, Calab., genuine, 30@40c; magnesia, carb., 2-oz, 25@35c; morphine, P. & W., per oz., \$1.75@2; madder, 14@16c; oil, castor, per gal., 96c@\$1; oil, bergamot, per lb, \$2.75; opium, \$2; quinine, P. & W., per oz., 35@40c; balsam, copaiba, 50@55c; soap, castile, Fr., 12@16c; soda, bicarb., 44@6c; salta, Epsom, 4@5c; sulphur flour, 5@6c; saltpeter, 8@20c; turpentine, 32@38c; glycerine, 17@20c; lodide potassium, \$3@3.10; bromide pofor the active stocks up to 1% per cent. and in the less prominent shares of 4 per

Bonds were active and weak, the de-clines in a number of issues being of im-portance. The market moved entirely in sympathy with the stock speculation. The sales aggregated \$1,327,000.

Government bonds firmer and higher.

State bonds inactive. Following are the closing quotations on tocks and bonds: 16

asslum, 45@47c; chlorate potash, 20c; borax, 12@14c; cinchonidia, 12@15c; carbolic acid, 22 @26c.
Oils-Linseed, 40@42c per gal; coal oil, legal test, 7@14c; bank, 40c; best straits, 50c; Labrador, 60c; West Virginia lubricating, 20@30c; miners', 45c; lard oils, winterstrained, in brls, 60c per gal; in half brls, 3c per gal extra

Bleached Sheetings—Androscoggin L, 74c;
Berkeley, No. 60, 8c; Cabot, 7c; Capital, 6c;
Cumberland, 8c; Dwight Anchor, 84c; Fruit
of the Loom, 84c; Farwell, 74c; Fitchville,
7c; Full Width, 6c; Gilt Edge, 54c; Gilded
Age, 54c; Hill, 8c; Hope, 74c; Linwood,
74c; Lonsdale, 84c; Lonsdale cambric, 94c;
Masonville, 84c; Peabody, 6c; Pride of the
West, 11c; Quinebaugh, 6c; Star of the Nation, 64c; Fen Strike, 54c; Pepperell, 9-4,
19c; Pepperell, 10-4, 21c; Androscoggin, 9-4,
20c; Androscoggin, 10-4, 22c.
Brown Sheetings—Atlantic A, 64c; Ar

20c; Androscoggin, 10-4, 22c.

Brown Sheetings—Atlantic A, 6½c; Argyle, 5½c; Boott C, 5c; Buck's Head, 6½c; Clifton CCC, 6c; Constitution, 40-inch, 6½c; Carlisle, 40-inch, 7½c; Dwight Star, 7¾c; Great Falls E, 6c; Great Falls, J, 5c; Hill Fine, 7½c; Indian Head, 6½c; Lawrence LL, 5c; Pepperell, E, 6½c; Pepperell R, 6c; Pepperell, 9-4, 17c; Androscoggin, 9-4, 18c; Androscoggin, 10-4, 20c.

Prints—Allen dress styles, 5c; Allen's staples, 4¾c, Allen TR, 5c; Allen robes, 5c; American indigo, 5c; Arnold LLC, 7c; Cocheco fancy, 5½c; Cocheco madders, 4¾c; Hamilton fancy, 5½c; Manchester fancy, 5½c; Merrimac fancy, 5½c; Merrimac pinks and purples, 5½c; Pacific fancy, 5½c; Pacific robes, 5½c; Pacific fancy, 5½c; Pacific robes, 5½c; Simpson Berlin solids, 5½c; Simpson's oil finish. 6c: Simpson's grays, 5½c; Simpson's mournings, 5½c; Simpson's mournings, 5½c; Ginghams—Amoskeag staples, 5½c; Amoskeag Persian dress, 6c; Bates Warwick dress, 6c; Johnson BF fancy, 8½c; Lancas-

keag Persian dress, 6c; Bates Warwick dress, 6c; Johnson BF fancy, 8½c; Lancaster, 5½c; Lancaster Normandies, 6c; Carrollton, 4½c; Renfrew dress, 6½c; Whittenton Heather, 6c; Calcutta dress styles, 5½c. Tickings—Amoskeag ACA, 11½c; Conestoga, BF, 12½c; Cordis 140, 9½c; Cordis FT, 10c; Cordis ACE, 11½c; Hamilton awnings, 9c; Kimono fancy, 17c; Lenox fancy, 18c; Metheun AA, 10c; Oakland AF, 5½c; Portsmouth, 11c; Susquehanna, 13c; Shetucket SW, 6½c; Shetucket F, 7c; Swift River, 5½c. Kidfinished Cambrics—Edwards, 4c; Warren, 3¾c; Slater, 4c; Genesee, 4c.

Grain Bags—Amoskeag, \$11.50; American, \$11.50; Franklinville, \$13.50; Harmony, \$11; Stark, \$14.50.

Flour. Straight grades, \$3.50@3.75; fancy grades, \$4@4.25; patent flour, \$4.25@4.75; low grades, \$2.50@2.75.

Stark, \$14.50.

Sugars-These are the prices at the re-fineries. To these prices must be added the rats of freight from New York to where sale is made, as specified in printed rate books of the equality plan for Indiana and other States furnished to saiesman, from which will be deducted the local rate of freight from shipping point to point where sale is made; cut loaf, 5.25c; dominoes, 5.25c; crushed, 5.25c; powdered, 4.87c; granulated, 4.62c; coarse granulated, 4.75c; fine granucoarse granulated, 4.75c; fine granu-4.62c; extra fine granulated, 4.75c; cubes, 4.87c; XXXX powdered, 5c; mold A, 4.87c; diamond A, 4.62c; confectioners' A, 4.37c; Columbia A, 4.37c; Windsor A, 4.37c; Ridgewood A, 4.37c; Phoenix A, 4.31c; Empire A, 4.18c; Ideal ex. C, 4.12c; Windsor ex. C, 4c; Ridgewood ex. C, 4c; yellow ex. C, 3.94c; yellow C, 3.87c; yellow 3, 3.75c; yellow 3.94c; yellow C, 3.87c; yellow 3, 3.75c; yellow 4, 3.69c; yellow 5, 3.62c.

Coffee — Good, 19@20c; prime, 2014@21c; strictly prime, 22@231/2c; fancy green and yellow, 241/2@25c; Java, 28@32c. Roasted—Old government Java, 33@331/2c; golden Rio, 251/2c; Bourbon Santos, 251/2c; Gilded Santos, 251/2c; prime Santos, 241/2c; Cottage blended, 221/2c; Capital blended, 211/2c; Pilot, 22c; Dakota, 20c; Brazil, 191/2c; Puritan, 1-lb pkgs, 213/2c. pkgs, 21%c. Salt, in car lots, 95c@\$1; small lots, \$1.05@ Spices - Pepper, 10@18c; allspice, 10@15c loves, 15@20c; cassia, 13@15c; nutmegs, 65@ Flour Sacks (paper)—Plain, 1-32 bris, per 1,000, \$3.50; 1-16 brl, \$5; 36-brls, \$8; 46-brl, \$16; No. 2 drab, plain 1-32 brl, per 1,000, \$4.25; 1-16 brl, \$6.50; ½ brl, \$10; ½ brl, \$20; No. 1, cream, plain, 1-32 brl, per 1,000, \$7; 1-16 brl, \$8.75; ½ brl, \$14.50; ½ brl, \$28.50. Extra

charge for printing.

Woodenware—No. 1 tubs, \$6@6.25; No. 2 tubs, \$5.25@5.50; No. 3 tubs, \$4.25@4.50; 3-hoop pails, \$1.40@1.50; 2-hoop pails, \$1.15@1.20; double washboards, \$2.25@2.75; Common washboards, \$1.25@2.50; clothes pins, 40@65c Wood Dishes-No. 1, per 1,000, \$2.50; No. 3; No. 3, \$3.50; No. 5, \$4.50. Shot-\$1.30@1.35 per bag for drop.
Lead-64@7c for pressed bars.
Molasses and Syrups-New Orleans molasses, fair to prime, 20@30c; choice, 35@40c;

syrups, 20@30c.

Beans—Choice hand-picked navy, \$1.40@
1.50 per bu; medium hand-picked, \$1.35@1.40;
limas, California, 5@51/2c per lb.

Twine—H.mp, 12@18c per lb; wool,8 @10c;
flax, 20@30c; paper, 15c; jute, 12@15c; cotton Rice-Louisiana, 4@5c; Carolina, 4%@6%c.

active request steady, but receipts are in-Iron and Steel. creasing and the market may go off a Bar iron, 1.60@1.90c; horseshoe bar, 21/2@ 23/4c; nail rod, 7c; plow slabs, 23/4c; Ameri-can cast steel, 9@11c; tire steel, 21/2@3c; half cent in a day or two should present conditions continue. The hide market continues in an unsatisfactory condition. The spring steel, 4405c.

provision market is quite active and prices Leather. Leather—Oak sole, 30@35c; hemlock sole, 25@31c; harness, 31@40c; skirting, 34@41c; single strap, 44c; black bridle, per doz, \$70@75; fair bridle, \$80@90 per doz; city kip, 60@75c; French kip, 90c@\$1.20; city calfskins, 90c 39c. Barley makt nominal. @\$1.10; French calfskins, \$1.20@2. Nails and Horseshoes.

Steel cut nails, \$2.25; wire nails, \$2.50 rate Horseshoes, per keg, \$3.75; mule shoes, per keg, \$4.75; horse nails, \$4@5 per box. Barb wire, galvanized, \$2.50; painted, \$2.20. Provisions.

Bacon-Clear sides, 40 to 50 lbs average

61/4c; 30 to 40 lbs average, 61/4c; 20 to 30 lbs average, 61/4c. Bellies, 25 lbs average, 61/4c; 14 to 16 lbs average, 61/4c; 12 to 15 lbs average, 61/4c; clear backs, 20 to 25 lbs average, 64c; 12 to 20 lbs average, 6%c; 9 to 10 lbs Breakfast Bacon-Clear firsts, 10c; sec-Lard - Kettle-rendered, in tierces, 6%c; Shoulders-English-cured, 12 lbs average, 714c; 16 lbs average, 714c. Pickled Pork-Bean pork, clear, per bri 200 lbs, \$12.50; rump pork, \$10. Hams—Sugar-cured, 18 to 20 lbs average,

9%c; 16 lbs average, 10c; 12½ lbs average, 10½c; 10 lbs average, 10¾c; block hams, 10¼c; all first brands; seconds, ½c less. California hams, sugar-cured, 10 to 12 lbs average, 7c; boneless hams, sugar-cured, 7½ Dry-salted Meats-Clear sides, about 50 to Clear backs, 20 to 30 lbs aver-

unwashed, 10c; tubwashed, 20@23c; burry and unmerchantable, 5c less. Produce, Fruits and Vegetables. Feathers-Prime geese, 30@32c per lb; Bananas-Per bunch, \$1@1.25. Cranberries, \$3 per box; \$8 per brl; fancy Cape Cod berry, \$3.50 per box; \$9.50 per brl. Cabbage—\$1 per brl; sauer kraut, \$4 per Cheese-New York full cream, 10@12c skims, 6@8c per lb. Lemons-Messina, choice, \$3.50 per box; Green-salted Hides-No. 1, 51/4c; No. 4%c; No. 1 calf, 61/4c; No. 2 calf, 5c. fancy lemons, \$4.50. Apples—Common, \$1.25@1.75 per brl; choice, \$2.25 per brl; choice eating apples, \$2.50@3.
Oranges—Jamaica, \$9@9.50 per brl; Cali-Green Hides-No. 1, 4c; No. 2, 3c; No. calf, 51/2c; No. 2 calf, 4c.

age, 5%c: 12 to 16 lbs average, 5%c.

fornia navels, \$5 per box. Onions—50@60c per bu.
Potatoes—30@35c per bu.
Celery—20@30c per bunch.
Grapes—Malaga grapes, \$6.50@7 per keg.
Sweet Potatoes—Kentucky, \$2.50 per brl;
Cobden's \$3 per brl; Eastern Jerseys, \$4.50

per brl. Chestnuts—Per bu, \$4. Cider—New, \$4 per brl; \$2.25 per half brl. Cocoanuts—50c per doz.

Clover-Choice recleaned, 60-lb, \$4.65@4.85; prime, \$4.50@4.65; English, choice, \$5@5.25; prime, \$4@4.50; alsike, choice, \$5@5.50; alfala, choice, \$4.25@5; crimson or scarlet clover,

\$2.90@3; timothy, 45-lb, choice, \$2@2.10; strictly prime, \$2.15@2.20; fancy Kentucky, 14-lb, 80c@\$1; extra clean, 65@70c. Orchard grass, extra, \$1.35@1.50; red top, choice, \$1@1.25; extra clean, 90c@\$1; English blue grass, 24-lb, Tinners' Supplies. Best brand charcoal tin, IC, 10x14, 14x20, 12x12, \$5,50@6; IX, 10x14, 14x20, 12x12, \$7@7.50; IC, 14x20, roofing tin, \$4.50@5; IC, 20x28, \$9@10; block tin, in pigs, 19c; in bars, 20c. Iron -27 B iron, \$3; C iron, 3½c; galvanized, 75 per cent. discount. Sheet zinc, 6@6½c. Copper bottoms, 21c. Planished copper, 20c. Solder, 11@12c.

Doubts the President's Sincerity. To the Editor of the Indianapolis Journal: Is there not some jugglery about Cleveland's Venezuelan communication? Thus far he has been the prince of Anglomaniacs. Is it at all likely that he is now a convert to Americanism? I think not. After all his fine talk about the Monroe doctrine, he proposes to send a com-mission of his own appointing to estab-lish, practically, a boundary line between England and Venezuela. How very easy it would be for him to select a commi of Anglomaniacs who would be quick to decide in favor of England. Would not this be smart, indeed? From now till aftpatriot, after which he could creep out of his hole by the aid of a self-appointed AMERICAN. er the next election he could pose as a

Indianapolis, Dec. 18. County Settlements. Clinton and Brown counties settled with the State yesterday, the former paying in \$29,219 and drawing out for schools \$13,364, and the latter paying in \$4,597 and drawing out \$2,921.

Building Permits. Harry Bowser, frame house, 10 Morton

CHICAGO MARKETS UNABLE TO HOLD THE EARLY ADVANCES.

Speculators on the Board Refuse Consider Seriously the Prospect of War with England.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.-The markets as whole were inclined to be weak to-day, in spite of the strength with which they started out. War with England was apparently not very seriously considered, and the general preponderance of bearish features forced the May wheat to a net loss over yesterday's figures of 1/20/4c. Oats lost 1/3c. Corn and provisions closed practically un-

Wheat showed a little strength early in the day, selling up nearly %c from yesterday's close, but finally turned weak and lost %c. The early firmness was attributed to the defiant message of the President and to the possible consequence which may follow. The Liverpool cable quoted an advance of 12d there, and even the remote possibility of war caused some covering by shorts. The smallest receipts in the Northwest and the reiterated assurance that farmers' deliveries in that quarter were sure to be light for the rest of the season also had a tendfor the rest of the season also had a tendency to create strength, and for some time
there was good buying and a firm tone. But
outside markets did not respond. Some of
the big bears commenced to sell short, and
prices finally went off %c, and up to noon
had made little recovery. May sold early at
60%c, up to 60%660%c split, off gradually to
50%c and closed steady at 50%650%c.

Corn was quiet and steady, the soft
weather causing a slight development of
strength early, but much of the improvement was lost later in the day. May sold
early up to 28%628%c, but eased off to 28c.

Oats were quiet but strong at the start,
though selling off later. May sold at 19%c to
19c, but there was very little business. The
feeling was weak, May selling at 18%c and
closing at 19c.

Provisions were irregular. They opened strong, with grain, then became weak, and

finally closed firm at about the same price as yesterday. May pork opened at \$8.90, sold down to \$8.82\% and closed at \$8.87\%. May lard opened at 5.50c and closed at 5.52\%c, and May ribs opened at 4.52\%c and closed at

Estimates for to-morrow-Wheat, 180 cars; corn, 450; oats, 165; hogs, 38,000 head. Leading futures ranged as follows: Open- High- Low- Clos-Wheat-Dec 5614 5634 Jan May

-Dec Jan 17% Feb 17% May 19% Dec Jan \$8.50 8.90 May 8.90 Lard-Dec 5.271/2 5.30 Jan 5.271/2 5.30 5.50 May 5.50 5.521/2 Ribs-Dec Jan 4.27½ 4.30 May 4.52½ 4.52½ 4.271/2 Cash quotations were as follows: quiet and barely steady. No. 2 wheat, 57½c; No. 3 spring wheat, 55½@57c; No. 2 red, 62c; No. 2 corn, 25%c; No. 2 yellow corn, 25½@25%c; No. 2 oats, 17@17¼c; No. 2 white, 19@20c; No. 3 white, 17½@18¼c; No. 2 rye, 33½@36c; No. 2 barley, nominal; No. 3, 1

rye, 33½@36c; No. 2 barley, nominal; No. 3, f. o. b., 22@36c; No. 4, f. o. b., 21@27c; No. 1 flaxseed, 93½@94c; prime timothy seed, \$1.50@3.50; pork, per brl, \$7.87½@8; lard, per lb, 5.27½@5.30c; short-rib sides (loose), 4.25@4.35c; dry-salted shoulders (boxed), 4½@4½c; short-clear sides (boxed), 4½@4½c; whisky, distillers' finished goods, per gal, \$1.22.

Receipts—Flour, 15,000 brls; wheat, 155,000 bu; corn, 370,000 bu; oats, 355,000 bu; rye, 14,-000 bu; barley, 81,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 8,000 brls; wheat, 94,000 bu; corn, 115,000 bu; oats, 135,000 bu; rye, 6,000 bu; barley, 41,000 bu.

AT NEW YORK.

Ruling Prices in Produce at the Seaboard's Commercial Metropolis. NEW YORK, Dec. 18 .- Flour-Receipts, 7,700 brls; exports, 15,500 brls. Market steady, but trade still confined to small lots, with shippers holding off altogether. Rye flour easy. Buckwheat flour dull at \$1.30@1.35. Buckwheat dull at 391/2@401/2c. Corn meal steady. Rye nominal. Barley

dull. Feeding barley, 38@39c. Barley, 33@ Wheat-Receipts, 284,000 bu; exports, 71,100 Spots quiet, but steady. No. 2 red, 69%c; No. 1 hard, 67%c, delivered. Options opened stronger on the President's message, coupled with higher cables, foreign buying and smaller shipping. Wheat receipts eased off at noon on lower cable rates, finally ral-

lied on covering and closed firm and partially 1/3c higher. No. 2 red, May, 66 9-16@ 671/3c, closed at 667/3c; December, 651/2@657/4c, closed at 65%c.

Corn—Receipts, 33,200 bu; exports, 76,900 bu. Spots quiet and steady. No. 2, 33%c. Options opened firm on small receipts, afterwards reacted under larger car-lot esti-mates and closed unchanged to 16c lower. May 34%@34%c, closed at 34%c; December

closed at 33%c.
Oats—Receipts, 13,200 bu; exports, 600 bu.
Spots quiet. No. 2, 22%c. Options quiet, but
generally steady, closing unchanged to %c
higher. May, 24@24%c, closed at 24c; Decemhigher. May, 24,24%, closed at the ber closed 22%c.

Hay firm. Hops weak. Hides nominal.

Leather steady. Wool steady.

Beef steady. Cut meats dull. Pickled hams, 8½@8%c. Lard steady. Western steam closed at 5.52%c; December, 5.52%c,

nominal. Pork dull.

Coffee—Options opened dull at unchanged prices and ruled generally featureless on light local trading, closed dull at unchanged prices to 5 points net decline. Sales, 4,250 bags, including March, 13.60@13.70c. Spot coffee—Rio quiet. No. 7, 14½c. Mild quiet. Cordova, 18@18½c. Sales, 1,000 bags Maracaibo and 800 bags Central American p. t. Rio — Firm at 13c. Exchange, 9 11-32d. Receipts, 7,000 bags: cleared for the 32d. Receipts, 7,000 bags; cleared for the United States, 8,000 bags; four Europe, 3,000 bags; stock, 216,000 bags. Warehouse deliveries from New York yesterday, 4,618 bags; New York stock to-day, 201,188 bags; United States stock, 269,916 bags; affoat for the United States, 274,000 bags; total visible for the United States, 543,916 bags, against

567,984 bags last year. Sugar-Raw quiet. Refined quiet, TRADE IN GENERAL.

Baltimore and Other Points.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 18 .- Flour dull and easy

Quotations at St. Louis, Philadelphia,

patents, \$3.30@3.40; extra fancy, \$3.10@3.20; fancy, \$2.85@3; choice, \$2.60@2.75. Wheat market was influenced to some extent at the opening on the question of war or no war, causing a slight upward tendency, but it soon subsided and prices dropped back and the market closed tame, %a½c under yesterday; No. 2 red, cash, 62½c; No. 2 hard, 54½c; December, 55c; May, 59%c. Corn was firm early, but eased off some later and was heavy at the close, ½c lower for January and May, but ¾c higher for December, compared with yesterday's finals; No. 2 mixed, cash, 23½c; December, 23¾c; January, 23½c; May, 25‰c. Oats—There was some demand at the opening for May and it sold ¼a¼c higher, but soon weakened and finally declined ¼c, closing the same as yesterday; December unchanged; spot dull, bid lower on call; No. 2, cash, 16%c; December, 16%c; May, 19¼c. Rye dull at 32c bid. Barley steady. Bran salable at 46a47c, east track. Flaxseed quiet and lower at 89c. Timothy, \$2a3.40. Hay dull, quiet and steady; prairie, \$7a9; timothy, \$9.50a15, this side. Butter quiet and steady separator creamery, 23a25c; fancy Elgin, 28a29c; dairy, 18a21c. Eggs in fair demand and steady at 18½c, loss off. Whisky, \$1.22. Cotton ties and bagging unchanged. Pork lower: standard the opening on the question of war or no 18021c. Eggs in fair demand and steady at 1832c, loss off. Whisky, \$1.22. Cotton ties and bagging unchanged. Pork lower; standard mess, jobbing, 8.1232. Lard nominal; prime steam, 5.1232c; choice, 5.2232c. Bacon—Boxed shoulders, 5.25c; longs, 5.1234c; ribs, 5.25c; shorts, 5.3732c. Dry-salt meats—Boxed shoulders, 4.50c; longs, 4.50c; ribs, 4.6232c; shorts, 4.75c. Receipts—Flour, 2,000 bris; wheat, 55,000 bu; corn, 39,000 bu; oats, 24,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 4,000 bris; wheat, 43,000 bu; corn, 36,000 bu; oats, 5,000 bu. TOLEDO, Dec. 18.—Wheat lower and steady: No. 2, cash and December, 65½c; May, 67½c. Corn dull; No. 2 mixed, 27c; No. 3 mixed, 26c; May, 28¾c. Oats quiet; No. 2 mixed, 18½c; No. 2 white, 19½c. Rye dull; No. 2 cash, 37½c. Clover seed active and steady; prime, cash and December, 34.20. Receipts—Flour, 500 brls; wheat, 3,000 bu; corn, 100,500 bu; oats, 10,000 bu; clover seed, 196 bags. Shipments—Flour, 1,000 brls; wheat, 24,000 bu; corn, 78,500 bu; rye, 1,500 bu; clever seed, 35 bags. TOLEDO, Dec. 18.-Wheat lower and cincinnati, Dec. 18.—Flour quiet and steady. Wheat quiet and steady; No. 2 red. 6614c. Receipts, 2,500 bu; shipments, 2,200 bu. Corn in good demand; No. 2 mixed, 2714c. Oats quiet and steady; No. 2 mixed, 2014c. Rye weak; No. 2, 40c. Lard

SOON LOST STRENGTH

firm at 5.35c. Bulk meats quiet and steady
at 5.50c. Bacon firm at 5.50c. Whisky quiet
and steady; sales, 557 brls at \$1.22. Butter
quiet and steady. Sugar firm. Eggs weak
and lower at 17½c. Cheese in fair demand and steady.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 18.—Flour unchanged; receipts, 29,494 brls. Wheat dull; spot and month, 65@65¼c; May, 67%@68c; steamer No. 2 red, 62%@65½c; receipts, 6,192 bu; Southern wheat on grade, 62½@65½c. Corn easy; spot and year, 32@32¼c; steamer mixed, 31@31¼c; receipts, 144,280 bu; Southern white corn, 31½@32½c. Oats dull; No. 2 white Western, 24@24½c; receipts, 5,079 bu. Rye inactive; No. 2 Western, 46@47c; receipts, 893 bu. Hay firm and unchanged. Butter and eggs firm and unchanged. Grain freights eggs firm and unchanged. Grain freights steady and unchanged. Cheese steady and

DETROIT, Dec. 18.—Wheat quiet and unchanged; No. 1 white, 661/4c; No. 2 red, 651/4c; May, 671/4c. Corn—No. 2, 261/4c. Oats—No. 2 white, 213/4c; No. 2 mixed, 183/4c. Rye—No. 2, 371/4c. Clover seed, \$4.20. Receipts—Wheat, 3,400 bu; corn, 22,000 bu; oats, 2,900 bu. December, 53c; May, 56c; on track, No. 1 hard, 541/4c; No. 1 Northern, 531/4c; No. 2 Northern, 521/4c. Fiour steady; first patents, \$363.40; domestic bakers', \$2.50; export bakers', \$262,25. MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 18.-Wheat steady

Butter, Eggs and Cheese. NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Butter—Receipts, 5,271 packages. Market firm; Western dairy, 11@19c; Western creamery, 17@28c; Elgins, 28c. Cheese—Receipts, 1,250 packages. Market steady; large, 74@10c; small, 74@10½c; part skims, 34@6c; full skims, 2@3c. Eggs—Receipts, 4,354 packages. Market steady; State and Pennsylvania, 24@28c; Western, 21@24c; Southern, 21@23c. 21@24c; Southern, 21@23c. CHICAGO, Dec. 18.-On the Produce Ex

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18.—Butter firm fancy Western creamery, 27c. Eggs steady; fresh, near-by, 24c; fresh Western, 23c. Cheese dull at former rates.

WILMINGTON, Dec. 18.—Rosin firm; strained, \$1.35; good, \$1.40. Spirits of turpentine firm at 25\%@25\%c. Tar steady at 95c. Turpentine firm; hard, \$1.10; soft, \$1.50;

OIL CITY, Dec. 18.—Oil opened at \$1.45; highest, \$1.49; lowest, \$1.45; closed at \$1.49. Shipments, 69,344 brls; runs, 85,800 brls. NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Petroleum dull; United closed at \$1.51. Rosin steady. Tur-

CHARLESTON, Dec. 18.—Rosin firm at \$1,20@1.30. Spirits of turpentine firm at 25c. SAVANNAH, Dec. 18.—Spirits of turpen-tine firm at 25%c. Rosin firm.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 18.—Cotton quiet; middling, 8%c; low middling, 7%c; good or-dinary, 79-16c; net receipts, 13,270 bales; gross receipts, 13,298 bales; exports to Great Britain, 4,100 bales; sales, 3,500 bales; stock,

MEMPHIS, Dec. 18.—Cotton steady; middling, 8c. Receipts, 2,531 bales; shipments, 898 bales; sales, 850 bales; stock, 157,326 NEW YORK, Dec. 18.-Cotton closed dull middling uplands, 8½c; middling gulf, 8½c; sales, 354 bales.

Dry Goods. NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—In keeping with former reports it has been a very dull mar-ket and any new business has been in response to urgent requirements to meet current wants of a pressing character for small to moderate quantities. Printing cloths very dull at previous quotations or 31/sc to 31-16c for spots and contracts, at which the market is very weak. FALL RIVER, Dec. 18.-Print cloths quiet at 3 11-16c for contracts.

Dec. 18.—Pig iron steady Copper steady. Lead dull exchange, 3.20@3.25c. Tir NEW YORK, and unchanged. easy; straits, 13.80@13.85c; packages dull. Spelter quiet; domestic, 3.40@3.50c. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 18.—Lead nominally quotable at 2.07½c, but no bids. Spelter held at 3.20c.

LIVE STOCK.

Cattle Scarce and Active-Hogs Weak and Lower-Sheep Steady. INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 18.-Cattle-Receipts, 200; shipments light. There were but few on sale. There was a fair demand for all grades, and the market was more active at unchanged prices.

Export grades.....\$4.00@4. Stockers, common to good...... 2.50@3.00 Heifers, common to thin..... 1.75@2. Veals, good to choice..... Bulls, good to choice.....

Hogs-Receipts, 11,000; shipments, 3,000. The market opened with a sluggish tendency, but later there was more activity, with a decline of 21/2c to 5c. A good clearance was made, and the closing was steady,

Sheep and Lambs-Receipts, 300; shipments light. The offerings were of fair quality. The market was steady, and all

 Sheep, fair to medium
 2.20g2.60

 Sheep, common thin
 1.50g2.10

 Lamos, good to choice
 3.50g4.00

 Lambs, common to medium...... 2.50@3.25

60 lbs average, 5%c; 25 to 40 lbs average, 5%c; 26 to 30 lbs average, 5%c; 27 to 30 lbs average, 5%c; 28 to 40 lbs average, 5%c; marked weakness. Choice cattle were sell-Coffee—Options opened dull at unchanged ing better and in some instances prices prices and ruled generally featureless on light local trading, closed dull at unmedium grades showed no improvement. Common to choice beeves were salable at \$3.10@4.50; exporters purchases are only fair and they are no longer taking the best offerings. The stocker and feeder trade was no better, but butchers' and canners' stuff sold actively at firm prices, cows and heifers going largely at \$1.90@2.10. Mexican cattle sold at \$2.70, and Texas steers sold at \$2.50@2.90 for grassers and \$3@3.50 for

> Hogs-Fewer hogs are coming forward and trade was fairly active at a decline of and trade was fairly active at a decline of about 5c from yesterday's average prices. Common to prime droves sold at \$3.40@3.60, the bulk going at \$3.50@3.55, and plenty of good to choice pigs sold at \$3.30@3.50. Eastern shippers continued to buy sparingly, but the supply was well taken by local packers.

> Sheep—The demand has been very good of late, but the sheep's fleece was so full of water to-day that sales were decidedly slower than usual at a decline of 10c. Sales were on a basis of \$1.75@3.50 for common to prime sheep, few going below \$2 or over \$3.15. Receipts—Cattle, 15,000; hogs, 38,000; sheep 15.000 sheep, 15,000.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 18.—Cattle—Receipts, 2, 400; shipments, 900. The market was dull native export steers, \$4.50@5; fair to choice native export steers, \$4.50@5; fair to choice shipping, \$3.75@4.50; coarse heavy, \$3.40@3.75; dressed beef grades, \$3@4.50; bulk of sales, \$3.25@4; steers under 1,000 pounds, \$2.50@3.40; bulk of sales, \$2.65@3.15; stockers and feeders, \$1.75@3.40; bulk of sales, \$2.25@3.20; cows and heifers, \$1.75@3.25; bulk of sales, \$2.25.75; canning cows, \$1.25@2; calves, \$3.75@65; bulk of sales, \$2.25@3.20; cows and heifers, \$1.75@3.25; bulk of sales, \$2.25.75; canning cows, \$1.25@2; calves, \$3.75@65; bulk of sales, \$2.25@3.20; cows and heifers, \$1.75@3.25; bulk of sales, \$2.25.75; canning cows, \$1.25@2; calves, \$3.75@65; bulk of sales, \$2.25@3.20; cows and heifers, \$1.75@3.25; bulk of sales, \$2.25.75; canning cows, \$1.25@2; calves, \$3.75@65; bulk of sales, \$2.25.75; canning cows, \$1.25.75; canning c 6; bulls, mostly \$1.75@2.50; Texas steers, grass, \$2.85@3.75; cows and helfers, \$1.75@3; calves, \$5@8 per head.

Hogs—Receipts, 10,800; shipments, 4,200.

The market was 5c off; heavy, \$3.35@3.56; light, \$3.25@3.45. Sheep—Receipts, 1,100; shipments, none. The market was steady on good grades, but others weak; natives, \$2.25@3.25; bulk of sales, \$2.50@2.75; lambs, \$3@4.25; common stuff, \$1.50@2; Southern sheep, \$2.25@3.

4c. dressed weight; refrigerator beef at Calves-Receipts, 720. Market slow and weak. Veals, poor to choice, \$5@8; barnyard calves, \$2@2.62½; Westerns, \$2.20@3.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 9,728. Sheep, poor to prime, \$2@3.10; choice, \$3.40; lambs, common to choice, \$4@4.75.

Hogs—Receipts, 11,210. Market steady at

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 .- Beeves-Receipts,

1.625. Market slow and weak for steers

ropean cables quote American steers at 9@

and bulls steady. Stags and oxen, \$1.606 3.60; bulls, \$2.15@2.50; dry cows, \$1.10@3. Eu

EAST BUFFALO, Dec. 18.—Cattle—Receipts, about 3 carloads. The bulk of offerings were of common to fair butchers and the demand altogether local.

Hogs—Receipts, 45 carloads. The market was very dull; Yorkers, fair to choice, \$3.70@3.75; stags, common to choice, \$2.50@3; pigs, common to fair, \$3.50@3.75.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 27 carloads. The market was slow; lambs, choice to prime, \$4.15@4.50; Canada lambs, fair to prime, \$4.40@4.55; sheep, choice to selected wethers, \$3.40@3.50; culls and common sheep, \$1.25@2. the demand altogether local. KANSAS CITY, Dec. 18.—Cattle—Re-ceipts, 1,600; shipments, 2,700. The market

was very slow and weak; Texas steers, \$20 3.40; Texas cows, \$1.2002.50; stockers and feeders, \$203.50; beef steers, \$2.8504.10; native cows, \$1.2503.40; bulls, \$1.2502.60.

Hogs—Receipts, 14,700; shipments, 700. The market was weak to 5c lower; bulk of sales, \$3.3504; packers, \$3.3503.42½; mixed, \$3.3003.35; lights, \$3.1503.45; Yorkers, \$3.300 3.35; bulls, \$2.7503.85.

Sheep—Receipts, 2,000; shipments, 500. The market was steady; lambs, \$3.04.20; muttons, \$203.65.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 18.—Hogs-Market slow and 5c lower at \$3@3.60. Receipts, 7,700; shipments, 2,500. Cattle-Market stronger at \$2.25@4. Re ceipts, 700; shipments, 100.
Sheep-Market steady at \$1@3.50.
celpts, 1,100; shipments, 300.
Lambs-Market steady at \$2.75@4.25.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 18.—Cattle—Market steady; light shipping, \$3.50@3.75; best butchers', \$3.40@3.65; fair to good butchers', \$2.75@3.25; feeders, \$3@3.50; stockers, \$1.75@3.

Hogs—Market dull; choice packing and butchers', \$3.50; fair to good packing, \$3.50; good to extra light, \$3.50; roughs, \$2.75@3. Sheep and lambs unchanged. EAST LIBERTY, Dec. 18.-Cattle steady Hogs steady. Prime light, \$3.70@3.75; medium grades, \$3.60@3.65; heavy, \$3.55@3.60; roughs, \$2.25@3.25.
Sheep slow and unchanged.

REAL-ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Eleven Transfers, with a Total Consideration of \$41,250. Instruments filed for record in the recorder's office of Marion county, Indiana.

for the twenty-four hours ending at 5 p. m., Dec. 18, 1895, as furnished by Theo. Stein, change, to-day, the butter market was firm; dairy, 12@22c; creamery, 19@26½c. Cheese quiet and unchanged. Eggs firm at 20½@ abstracter of titles, Hartford Block, No. 86 East Market street. Neal Sigman to John M. Ludwig,

Jacob H. Steucker to Joseph D. Adams, lot 17, block 3, Braden's Riv-

Lincoln Park 7,200.00 Transfers, 11; consideration.....\$41,250.00

ISSUE OF BONDS

CITY ADMINISTRATION WILL THUS **OBTAIN \$100,000.**

Controller Proposes to Have This Amount Payable in Ten Annual Installments.

The question of issuing bonds to make nprovements in the fire department was considered by Mayor Taggart, the Board of Safety, the Board of Works, the Council finance committee and Controller Johnson yesterday afternoon. The improvements at the City Hospital were also discussed. Expressions from the finance committee were especially sought by Mayor Taggart, as the body which that committee represents will be asked to authorize the sale of bonds by which money will be raised to make the proposed improvements. Mr. Taggart explained that the estimates for improvements in the fire department had been reduced by the Board of Safety, after an extended consultation with Clerk Herrick, of the board. It was thought at first that \$82,000 would be needed, but by close figuring this amount has been reduced to \$68,800. The estimate for salaries of the new firemen, who will man the new companies

has been reduced, for the new men will not draw salaries for three months, while estimates had been made for the entire year. There is an appropriation for feed for the next year while there is some mon-ey left in this year's appropriations, so that it was cut from the original estimates. There are also appropriations for next year for horses, hose and repairs, and depending upon these, the items in the original estimates have been reduced. Mayor Taggart explained, for the benefit of the finance committee, that \$30,000 is wanted for the improvements at the hospi-tal. The Board of Health proposes to erect a separate building for the nurses, thereby giving room for fifty to sixty patients in the hospital building. The board also proposes to erect a laundry and boiler room separate from the building and to put in an electric plant. Mr. Taggart explained that it was the opinion of those who had idered the matter, that \$100,000 would place the city in an easier condition The finance committee offered little ob jection to authorizing the sale of bonds, for all seemed to be of the opinion that there are some things which the city has to do. Controller Johnson suggested that the bonds be issued so as to be payable in

one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, meet with favor, for there seemed to be an impression that bonds issued as he sug-gested would be unmarketable. There was some talk concerning the establishment of a sinking fund to meet future debts, but it was the general opinion that to provide for such a fund would require a special act of the Legislature. The present Council might establish a sinking fund, but the next Council could repeal the ordinance doing so and spend the money, if not prohibited by some special legislation. The manner of issuing bonds for the present needs was not settled. special legislation. The manner of issuing bonds for the present needs was not settled. Having obtained the favorable expression from the councilmen for such expenditures as proposed, Mayor Taggart adjourned the meeting, promising to have an ordinance ready for the consideration of the committee by Saturday, in which the opinions of Controller Johnson will very probably be embodied.

It was evident from the conference that

the present distribution of the four pro-posed engine houses will not meet the approval of all parties concerned. The councilmen had suggestions to make where these houses should be located, but Mr. Taggart very skillfully turned this nature of argument aside, by saying the location of the new houses was a matter to be left with the Board of Safety.

A NEAT CIVIL-SERVICE POINT.

Shall the Milk Inspectors Be Appointed After an Examination. The Board of Health decided last night to appoint a milk inspector under civilservice rules that will be made to sui the case. There was considerable discussion as to whether the examination should take place before or after the man was selected. It was finally decided that the appointment could not be made under any show of civil service without an examination, but the question that caused the most bother was the time for the examination, whether before or after the selection of the inspector. Nothing really definite was decided. The board could not agree, or rather Dr. Morrison could not, for he did all the talking on both sides. It was settled, however, that a milk inspector should be appointed.

be appointed.

The board sent a communication to the Board of Public Works asking that \$30,-000 be expended for improvements at the City Hospital in accordance with the plans recently discussed.

TO WATCH FOR SHOPLIFTERS. Special Detectives Appointed for Five Large Stores.

The Board of Safety held a short session last night, but did little business of importance. Applications were made by five of the largest stores in the city for appointment of special detectives to wetch for shoplifters. The fact that so

a day passes now that some one is detected in the act of stealing someth in the New York store, but all of them are not arrested. The Board of Safety made the appointments as requested, but would not give the names of the men, as it was thought they would be better able to do their work if they were not known to the public. CIVIL SERVICE IGNORED.

Assessment Rolls Approved. The assessment rolls for the improvement tracks to Newman street, were yesterday approved by the Board of Works. The cost was \$23,688.94. The board also approved the rolls for the local sewer in the first alley east of Ash street, from Eleventh street to a point 1,265 feet south, which cost \$632.83.

Building Inspector Bunting has recommended that buildings at Nos. 209 and 211 Massachusetts avenue, belonging to the helrs of William R. Evans, be condemned. No action was taken until the owners can

Koss & Fritz were yesterday awarded the contract for the masonry on the Spruce-street bridge over Pleasant run, at the cost of \$183.

Deaths.

James Bell, fifty-eight years, 837 North Captitol avenue, apoplexy, Catherine E. West, seventy years, 643 East Seventh street, heart disease.

Henry Rodewald, seventy years, 519 Virginia avenue, apoplexy.

Nettie Marmon, six years, 185 Cornell avenue, membranous laryngitis.

Mary Judson, seventy-nine years, 400

Births. Charles and Mary Becker, 68 North Lib-John and Maria Duvrie, 416 South West A. E. and Sophia Frefry, 247 West Morris Edward and Flora Bowman, 20 Mulberry street, girl.

B. B. and Mrs. Biggins, 4 Arthur stree Marriage Licenses. William Penn and Lizzie Beard. J. P. Parker and Rosa Arbuckle. Dink C. Cheldres and Kate Anderson.

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Thomas Markey Appointed in Violation Even of Mr. Taggart's Rules. Thomas Markey, who has been appointed an inspector in the city engineer's office. has never filed a civil-service application.

Mr. Markey was dismissed as an inspector before the adoption of the civil-service rules because of "no work" in the department. Monday he was appointed again, but he was chosen over several others who had filed applications according to the rules. filed applications according to the rules. The report that Mr. Markey is a Democrat of Clifford avenue, from the Big Four

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